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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Applicants respectfully request the IDS filed herewith be entered and considered at this time.

Fees in the amount of \$810.00 will be paid online via credit card. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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Respectfully submitted,

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